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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION APRIL 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

LABOR FORCE EXPANDS

The combination of a small upward trend in unemployment and a simultaneous sizeable increase in the number of job-holders pushed the total civilian labor force for Texas over the 8 million mark in March for the first time since July 1983. Although unemployment was up moderately, to 575,100 in the actual series, with the unemployment rate edging up from 7.1 percent in February to 7.2 percent in March, total employment also rose by 168,900 over the month to 7,443,200 in mid-March.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,393.0	113,592.0	111,827.0
Unemployment	8,625.0	8,902.0	9,057.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.8	8.1
Total Employment	105,768.0	104,690.0	102,770.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,515.0	115,084.0	112,906.0
Unemployment	8,396.0	8,399.0	8,783.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	107,119.0	106,685.0	104,123.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,018.3	7,826.8	7,736.5
Unemployment	575.1	552.5	505.8
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.1	6.5
Total Employment	7,443.2	7,274.3	7,230.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,052.0	7,880.0	7,774.0
Unemployment	568.0	541.0	502 0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.9	6.5
Total Employment	7,484.0	7,339.0	7,272.0

The expansion in both sectors of the labor force was generated by a surge of new and re-entrants into the labor market, many of whom were seeking part-time or seasonal work. The fact that so many of these entrants were able to find work is an indicator that the Texas economy is, despite somewhat higher unemployment rates, still healthy and growing. Almost a quarter of a million additional Texans have found jobs during the first quarter of 1985, a substantial increase during what is normally a relatively slow hiring period.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State also recorded a small gain between February and March, from 6.9 percent to 7.1 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate held constant over the month, at 7.3 percent. In the actual series, the Nation's unemployment rate declined modestly from 7.8 percent in February to 7.5 percent in March.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

Despite declines in several industry groups, the count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 22,600 in March, to a total of 6,539,700. Milder weather and other seasonal influences were responsible for employment increases in several sectors over the month, with the largest gains in services and construction.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,400	53,700	52,200	80,200	79,600	79,800	347,300	344,800	317,400
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,500	9,600	9,700	10,200	41,800	41,800	38,300
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,100	1,700	1,700	2,000	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,800	2,900	2,900	4,700	4,500	4,600	29,200	28,400	23,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,500	9,400	8,800
Trade	14,500	14,500	13,600	24,000	24,000	23,300	73,200	73,000	68,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,500	4,400	4,300	24,000	23,900	20,700
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,500	15,500	15,000	15,100	76,900	76,000	67,600
Government	8,100	8,200	8,000	13,900	14,000	13,800	91,600	91,200	89,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	139,300	139,900	143,100	58,900	58,300	58,800	65,400	64,400	63,700
Manufacturing	29,100	29,200	31,800	17,000	16,800	17,300	10,500	10,000	10,800
Mining	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,900	10,000	6,100	6,300	6,500	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,100	12,000	11,500	2,600	2,500	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,300	33,300	32,900	10,600	10,500	10,800	18,400	18,300	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	2,200	2,100	2,200	3,300	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,800	28,100	7,400	7,300	7,400	12,100	11,800	11,700
Government	20,100	20,100	20,300	10,700	10,500	9,600	14,300	14,300	13,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	47,800	134,200	133,800	131,600	1,228.9	1,227.5	1,206.8
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,200	13,900	13,800	13,400	218.4	222.0	220.3
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,700	23.5	23.5	23.3
Construction	2,900	3,100	2,900	11,000	11,000	10,600	78.9	77.3	76.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,500	7,800	75.7	75.6	75.4
Trade	10,500	10,500	10,100	34,100	34,000	33,100	321.4	322.5	319.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,200	6,300	6,500	116.8	116.5	112.0
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,200	26,900	26,600	25,500	260.4	257.3	250.4
Government	20,700	20,600	19,500	27,200	27,100	27,000	133.8	132.8	129.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	172,300	171,900	169,900	475,500	472,500	459,100	72,900	72,600	70,400
Manufacturing	38,300	38,200	37,100	109,300	109,900	106,500	10,100	10,500	10,400
Mining	400	400	400	4,700	4,800	4,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	9,200	9,000	9,000	28,900	28,600	27,900	3,800	3,800	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,700	9,900	23,600	23,500	24,000	5,800	5,900	6,200
Trade	40,500	40,700	39,700	127,300	127,100	125,600	13,500	13,400	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,600	8,500	8,400	26,400	26,000	24,700	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	29,600	29,500	29,700	94,100	91,400	87,800	12,800	12,200	11,000
Government	36,100	35,900	35,700	61,200	61,200	58,000	21,000	20,900	19,000

An estimated 7,600 jobs were added in service industries in March, as anticipation of spring activities pushed employment up. Preparation for outdoor sports activities brought new hires in amusement, including motion pictures; and the prospective tourist season was responsible for increases in hotels and other lodging places. Tax preparation firms within personal services added workers for the busiest month of their season, and advances among temporary employment agencies helped boost employment in business and repair services.

Construction reported its largest over-the-month gain since a year ago, as 6,300 jobs were added between February and March 1985. Favorable weather conditions and heightened demand combined to produce this sizeable advance, which was still insufficient to pull construction employment back up to its year-ago level.

All sectors of government increased over the month, as federal agencies such as the Postal Service and IRS hired additional workers, and state and local government recorded more moderate growth. Although all three segments of finance, insurance and real estate showed increases in March, the largest occurred in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which includes loan and title companies.

Two major nonmanufacturing industries -- mining and trade -- showed over-the-month losses. As foreign oil prices continued to waver, employment in oil and gas

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,478.2	1,472.9	1,451.6	64,400	64,300	62,100	32,300	32,000	30,600
Manufacturing	174.1	173.6	175.6	8,600	8,500	8,300	1,800	1,700	1,900
Mining	97.5	97.2	93.7	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	109.2	109.2	119.4	3,700	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.6	102.5	99.3	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,300
Trade	368.6	367.4	365.4	15,700	15,600	14,900	9,900	9,800	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.7	111.6	105.5	2,800	2,700	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	332.2	330.6	319.0	11,900	12,000	11,600	5,000	5,000	4,900
Government	181.3	180.8	173.7	18,500	18,700	18,200	7,600	7,600	7,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,900	66,600	66,700	93,200	93,100	90,700	81,800	81,500	79,400
Manufacturing	15,400	15,200	15,200	8,800	8,800	9,200	11,500	11,300	10,700
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800	500	600	500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,700	4,400	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400	5,000	5,100	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,300	16,200	16,300	26,900	27,200	26,200	25,000	25,100	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,700	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,000	11,000	11,200	20,000	19,800	19,500	12,500	12,300	11,800
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100	21,600	21,500	20,900	20,500	20,500	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,300	53,600	50,400	54,500	55,000	50,800	38,400	38,400	37,400
Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,500	4,600	4,600	4,900	5,400	5,500	5,600
Mining	12,500	12,600	12,500	8,500	8,700	8,500	900	900	900
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,200	4,200	4,100	3,400	2,600	2,500	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,400	2,600	2,700	2,600	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,600	12,600	11,900	16,200	16,400	14,400	9,700	9,800	8,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,000	8,300	8,400	7,800	7,500	7,400	7,400
Government	6,900	7,000	5,500	7,800	7,800	7,000	6,700	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	470,100	467,600	452,700	37,100	37,100	36,100	46,100	46,100	43,100
Manufacturing	51,400	51,900	51,100	12,000	12,000	11,700	7,500	7,600	6,900
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,500	35,000	33,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	2,000
Trade	122,600	121,700	115,600	8,100	8,100	7,700	11,900	11,900	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	35,000	34,800	33,300	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,500	100,700	97,400	7,100	7,100	6,900	8,600	8,400	8,000
Government	102,700	102,100	100,300	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,800	12,800	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,300	60,700	60,400	29,600	29,400	28,700	77,000	77,000	75,000
Manufacturing	12,700	12,600	12,200	2,900	3,000	3,000	15,500	15,500	15,600
Mining	3,500	3,400	3,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000	1,500	1,400	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,800	15,700	15,600	8,200	8,200	7,800	19,100	19,100	18,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,900	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	12,200	11,900	12,100	5,500	5,400	5,200	18,200	18,200	17,300
Government	8,000	8,000	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,700	11,700	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,500	51,500	51,200						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	8,900						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,300						
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,600	9,500						
Government	10,200	10,200	10,300						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1985*	Feb. 1985**	Mar. 1984**	Change From Feb. 1985	Change From Mar. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,539,700	6,517,100	6,382,300	22,600	157,400
Manufacturing	1,001,600	998,500	988,500	3,100	13,100
Durable Goods	579,000	580,500	573,300	-1,500	5,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,700	41,600	42,200	100	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,300	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,600	18,000	-200	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,400	47,900	48,500	500	-100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	24,000	23,600	22,700	400	1,300
Primary Metal Industries	35,600	35,800	35,800	-200	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,300	83,300	81,500	0	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,900	42,900	42,800	0	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	131,300	132,300	130,100	-1,000	1,200
Oil Field Machinery	40,100	40,500	38,500	-400	1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,000	109,600	105,200	-600	3,800
Transportation Equipment	77,300	77,200	75,900	100	1,400
Aircraft & Parts	40,200	39,900	38,300	300	1,900
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,700	23,100	-200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,500	13,000	0	-500
Nondurable Goods	422,600	418,000	415,200	4,600	7,400
Food & Kindred Products	102,500	97,000	92,900	5,500	9,600
Meat Products	25,700	25,900	24,900	-200	800
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,700	11,600	10,600	100	1,100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,800	5,000	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,300	60,700	62,700	-400	-2,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,800	23,700	-200	-100
Printing & Publishing	72,300	72,500	70,700	-200	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,100	36,000	35,300	100	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,100	77,100	76,200	0	900
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,000	41,000	42,100	0	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	37,800	37,800	38,800	0	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	7,600	8,200	0	-600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,538,100	5,518,600	5,393,800	19,500	144,300
Mining	270,700	272,000	266,700	-1,300	4,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,300	262,600	257,100	-1,300	4,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	9,600	0	-200
Construction	431,900	425,600	432,100	6,300	-200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,200	368,900	0	5,300
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,400	25,200	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,200	183,200	175,200	0	8,000
Transportation by Air	37,900	38,000	38,100	-100	-200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,900	87,900	89,600	0	-1,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,700	78,700	78,900	0	-200
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,100	0	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,100	28,100	29,000	0	-900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,606,100	1,607,000	1,591,600	-900	14,500
Wholesale Trade	427,200	427,500	431,900	-300	-4,700
Retail Trade	1,178,900	1,179,500	1,159,700	-600	19,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,600	53,200	53,800	1,400	800
General Merchandise Stores	151,800	152,200	148,400	-400	3,400
Food Stores	210,000	211,400	204,300	-1,400	5,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,700	135,100	132,300	600	3,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,100	80,000	79,500	100	600
Other Retail Trade	546,700	547,600	541,400	-900	5,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	423,600	422,100	411,000	1,500	12,600
Banking	105,800	105,500	103,600	300	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,600	129,200	126,100	400	3,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	188,200	187,400	181,300	800	6,900
Services	1,290,500	1,282,900	1,239,800	7,600	50,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	76,800	77,700	500	-400
Personal Services	82,400	81,800	76,700	600	5,700
Business & Repair Services	363,900	361,000	339,100	2,900	24,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,100	50,500	47,000	1,600	5,100
Health Services	342,700	342,700	343,500	0	-800
Educational Services	60,300	61,100	60,100	-800	200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	311,800	309,000	295,700	2,800	16,100
Total Government	1,141,100	1,134,800	1,083,700	6,300	57,400
Total Federal Government	184,600	181,800	175,100	2,800	9,500
Total State Government	275,100	273,300	249,500	1,800	25,600
Total Local Government	681,400	679,700	659,100	1,700	22,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	63,500	63,100	101,900	99,700	100,000	399,600	387,600	360,600
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,800	4,900	16,100	13,700	12,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.8	4.9	4.0	3.5	3.4
Total Employment 2/	61,600	60,400	60,100	96,100	93,900	95,100	383,500	373,900	348,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	177,600	175,200	179,300	84,500	82,500	83,500	96,000	92,700	92,200
Total Unemployment	23,100	23,200	21,500	6,900	6,500	5,800	15,100	14,200	13,300
Percent Unemployed	13.0	13.2	12.0	8.2	7.9	6.9	15.7	15.3	14.4
Total Employment 2/	154,500	152,000	157,800	77,600	76,000	77,700	80,900	78,500	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,400	59,500	56,900	172,900	168,900	168,400	1,311.3	1,285.8	1,272.3
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,600	2,200	16,000	15,900	15,400	58.2	57.3	47.8
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.4	3.9	9.3	9.4	9.1	4.4	4.5	3.8
Total Employment 2/	57,800	56,900	54,700	156,900	153,000	153,000	1,253.1	1,228.5	1,224.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	206,500	202,200	199,000	611,500	596,100	584,300	98,300	95,800	92,500
Total Unemployment	24,400	24,200	19,800	28,600	27,900	24,800	11,600	11,100	9,400
Percent Unemployed	11.8	12.0	9.9	4.7	4.7	4.2	11.8	11.6	10.2
Total Employment 2/	182,100	178,000	179,200	582,900	568,200	559,500	86,700	84,700	83,100
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,698.3	1,657.2	1,652.7	78,400	76,800	74,600	41,200	39,900	40,200
Total Unemployment	132.0	125.3	121.7	5,100	5,100	4,000	7,400	7,100	8,500
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.6	7.4	6.5	6.6	5.4	18.0	17.8	21.1
Total Employment 2/	1,566.3	1,531.9	1,531.0	73,300	71,700	70,600	33,800	32,800	31,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	77,000	78,100	114,600	112,300	111,800	128,400	125,300	121,100
Total Unemployment	7,800	7,300	7,200	6,500	6,300	7,100	30,500	30,100	29,700
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.5	9.2	5.7	5.6	6.4	23.8	24.0	24.5
Total Employment 2/	71,200	69,700	70,900	108,100	106,000	104,700	97,900	95,200	91,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,100	65,900	63,500	70,600	69,900	65,800	51,100	49,800	49,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,000	4,200	2,600	2,200	2,300
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.4	4.6	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.1	4.4	4.6
Total Employment 2/	63,800	63,000	60,600	66,400	65,900	61,600	48,500	47,600	47,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	544,100	529,500	515,700	43,800	42,800	41,400	51,900	51,100	48,300
Total Unemployment	33,500	31,200	26,500	3,500	3,300	2,400	4,700	4,900	4,000
Percent Unemployed	6.2	5.9	5.1	8.0	7.7	5.8	9.1	9.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	510,600	498,300	489,200	40,300	39,500	39,000	47,200	46,200	44,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,200	80,800	80,400	38,500	37,400	37,800	93,800	92,100	89,900
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,600	3,300	2,500	2,300	2,800	5,200	5,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.7	4.7	6.5	6.1	7.4	5.5	5.9	4.7
Total Employment 2/	78,300	76,200	76,600	36,000	35,100	35,000	88,600	86,700	85,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,800	61,800	61,800				8,018.3	7,826.8	7,736.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,100				575.1	552.5	505.8
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.1	5.0				7.2	7.1	6.5
Total Employment 2/	59,100	58,000	58,700				7,443.2	7,274.3	7,230.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$378.73	$378.84	$375.78	40.9	41.0	41.8	$ 9.26	$ 9.24	$ 8.99
Durable Goods	376.24	372.45	365.75	41.3	41.2	41.8	9.11	9.04	8.75
Lumber & Wood Products	257.47	252.30	260.50	38.2	37.6	40.2	6.74	6.71	6.48
Furniture & Fixtures	234.08	239.79	221.18	38.5	40.3	38.4	6.08	5.95	5.76
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	370.22	365.84	355.93	43.3	43.5	43.3	8.55	8.41	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	413.43	411.06	410.06	40.1	40.3	41.8	10.31	10.20	9.81
Fabricated Metal Products	364.59	366.72	353.74	42.1	42.2	40.8	8.66	8.69	8.67
Machinery, exc. Electric	385.31	384.14	381.46	41.7	41.8	43.2	9.24	9.19	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	476.06	482.61	486.00	43.2	43.4	45.0	11.02	11.12	10.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	385.84	391.41	380.14	40.7	40.9	41.5	9.48	9.57	9.16
Transportation Equipment	543.48	522.28	502.71	43.9	42.6	43.6	12.38	12.26	11.53
Instruments & Related Prod.	306.08	293.76	301.09	38.5	38.5	38.9	7.95	7.63	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	262.58	258.43	276.28	38.9	38.4	39.3	6.75	6.73	7.03
Nondurable Goods	382.18	385.29	388.74	40.4	40.6	41.8	9.46	9.49	9.30
Food & Kindred Products	312.73	317.98	337.55	40.3	40.2	43.0	7.76	7.91	7.85
Meat Products	272.41	253.72	285.78	41.4	38.5	42.4	6.58	6.59	6.74
Malt Beverages	701.19	726.08	722.25	44.1	46.1	45.0	15.90	15.75	16.05
Textile Mill Products	276.48	282.57	275.72	40.9	41.8	41.4	6.76	6.76	6.66
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.47	196.21	189.44	37.1	38.7	38.9	5.08	5.07	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	426.38	418.77	413.42	42.3	42.3	43.2	10.08	9.90	9.57
Printing & Publishing	352.68	350.61	352.46	39.1	39.0	40.7	9.02	8.99	8.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	608.10	611.24	595.85	42.2	42.3	42.5	14.41	14.45	14.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	636.11	622.80	641.84	43.9	43.1	45.2	14.49	14.45	14.20
Petroleum Refining	660.96	645.36	666.47	44.3	43.4	45.4	14.92	14.87	14.68
Leather & Leather Products	211.62	203.86	203.86	38.9	37.2	37.2	5.44	5.48	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	341.94	354.90	362.91	41.7	42.0	41.1	8.20	8.45	8.83
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.34	490.82	474.16	46.2	46.0	46.9	10.70	10.67	10.11
Oil & Gas Extraction	496.65	494.19	477.44	46.2	46.1	46.9	10.75	10.72	10.18
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	426.60	424.39	402.87	45.0	44.3	46.9	9.48	9.58	8.69
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	434.41	436.30	425.02	39.6	39.7	39.1	10.97	10.99	10.87
Elec., Gas & San. Services	424.88	443.00	415.76	37.6	40.2	39.9	11.30	11.02	10.42
Wholesale & Retail Trade	234.55	231.49	231.47	33.7	33.5	34.6	6.96	6.91	6.69
Wholesale Trade	369.03	365.10	354.00	39.3	39.3	40.0	9.39	9.29	8.85
Retail Trade	190.16	187.11	189.66	31.8	31.5	32.7	5.98	5.94	5.80
General Merchandise Stores	189.00	178.09	163.68	31.5	30.6	30.2	6.00	5.82	5.42
Banking	270.05	270.40	256.75	38.8	38.3	39.5	6.96	7.06	6.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$370.46	$369.29	$346.49	41.3	41.4	41.2	$ 8.97	$ 8.92	$ 8.41
Durable Goods	387.99	385.48	358.94	41.9	41.9	41.4	9.26	9.20	8.67
Nondurable Goods	332.40	333.68	322.34	40.0	40.3	40.7	8.31	8.28	7.92
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	387.96	378.64	369.73	42.4	41.7	42.4	9.15	9.08	8.72
Durable Goods	409.27	398.69	382.39	42.9	42.1	42.3	9.54	9.47	9.04
Nondurable Goods	335.37	330.48	336.54	41.2	40.7	42.6	8.14	8.12	7.90
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	467.08	466.40	460.10	42.5	42.4	42.8	10.99	11.00	10.75
Durable Goods	403.08	412.59	407.73	41.9	42.8	43.1	9.62	9.64	9.46
Nondurable Goods	553.81	539.67	528.33	43.3	41.9	42.3	12.79	12.88	12.49
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	270.38	268.71	270.85	39.3	39.4	41.1	6.88	6.82	6.59
Durable Goods	299.49	292.07	298.62	40.2	39.9	42.0	7.45	7.32	7.11
Nondurable Goods	242.30	245.85	244.82	38.4	38.9	40.2	6.31	6.32	6.09

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

extraction dropped to its lowest level since May 1984, curtailing mining by 1,300 in March. Within trade, a fairly large seasonal increase in building materials and garden supplies was more than offset by an equal-sized decline in food stores and smaller dips in other retail trade and general merchandise stores.

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The return of workers to their jobs in food and kindred products following settlement of a labor-management dispute provided the only gain of any magnitude within manufacturing in March. Two sizeable losses in durable goods pulled employment down by 1,500 over the month. Economic layoffs in several sectors of nonelectrical machinery shrank employment in this industry by 1,000; and continued cutbacks in electric and electronic equipment accounted for the loss of 600 additional jobs. The most substantial growth in durable goods was recorded in the concrete, gypsum and plaster sector of stone, clay and glass products.

Aside from the gain of 5,500 returning workers in preserved fruits and vegetables which boosted employment in food and kindred products, the largest over-the-month changes were moderate declines in apparel and other finished textile products, in paper and allied products, and in printing and publishing.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

There were an estimated 672,200 manufacturing production workers in March 1985, up 8,600 from the February estimate. The average worker was paid $9.26 an hour for a 40.9-hour week, and earned $378.73 a week in March. Although hourly earnings were up both over the month and over the year, the number of hours worked decreased by 0.1 hour from February and by almost a whole hour from March 1984. Although the average number of hours worked declined in several industries over the month, the durable goods sector reported the largest drops, in such industries as malt beverages and apparel and other textile products.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter 1985
(January-March)

Abilene	$ 813,668
Amarillo	2,202,625
Austin	2,413,079
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,860,880
Brazoria PMSA	2,431,466
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,167,208
Bryan-College Station	747,107
Corpus Christi	5,559,085
Dallas PMSA	14,668,988
El Paso	6,737,010
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	7,621,999
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,795,366
Houston PMSA	47,781,875
Killeen-Temple	1,126,226
Laredo	1,440,560
Longview-Marshall	2,668,247
Lubbock	1,362,758
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,261,390
Midland	770,958
Odessa	1,214,544
San Angelo	545,170
San Antonio	6,788,271
Sherman-Denison	1,476,226
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,118,576
Tyler	1,842,743
Victoria	679,514
Waco	1,885,252
Wichita Falls	1,430,536

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984
Total Population	16,166,000	15,900,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	306,653	296,395
Total Claims Actions	513,792	529,480
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,786	52,739
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	450,006	476,741
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.47	$133.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$53,604,438	$55,014,932
Total Placements	38,596	42,872

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.